

Systems Network (FEWS NET), which is supported by USAID, two areas of southern Somalia are already experiencing famine. Famine exists when at least 20 percent of the population has extremely limited access to basic food requirements, acute malnutrition exceeds 30 percent, and the death rate exceeds 2 out of every 10,000 people per day for the entire population. Death rates are above the famine threshold in two areas and are elevated across the south. Tens of thousands of people have already died in the past three months.

FEWS NET projects that famine will spread across all regions of southern Somalia within one to two months. The network estimates that 3.7 million people are in crisis nationwide, and 3.2 million of them require immediate, life-saving assistance. These severe conditions are expected to remain at least through December of this year. FEWS NET has declared this Africa's worst food security crisis since Somalia's 1991–1992 famine.

The effects of the drought in Somalia have been exacerbated by the lack of an effective central government and continuing conflict with al-Shabaab terrorists.

Drought has also affected Kenya and Ethiopia, where the situation is complicated by the arrival of large numbers of refugees from Somalia, many of them suffering from acute malnutrition.

The U.S. Government has already spent a total of approximately \$458.7 million on humanitarian assistance in the Horn of Africa during fiscal year 2011. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton issued a statement on July 20th expressing concern on behalf of the U.S. Government. She noted that additional international assistance for the region is needed and announced an additional \$28 million in U.S. assistance to Somalia and Somali refugees in Kenya. However, more needs to be done. FEWS NET has called for an immediate, large-scale, and comprehensive response to save tens of thousands of lives.

I am deeply concerned that the State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012, which was marked up yesterday, will not provide sufficient funds for critical priorities like these. The bill includes an 18 percent cut in development assistance, which funds projects such as food security and basic education. The bill also cuts international disaster assistance by 12 percent compared to the fiscal year 2011 level and a shocking 42 percent compared to the fiscal year 2010 level. Such drastically reduced funding levels will not allow the United States to help millions of people in need or respond to emergencies, such as famines, hurricanes and earthquakes.

I have seen children who were starving. It is a terrible sight to see. We cannot sit by idly and allow thousands of children to die and not take any action to help them. To do so would be contrary to our national interests and contrary to our values.

I call upon my colleagues and indeed all Americans to show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Africa. And I call upon the U.S. Government to organize a comprehensive effort to save the lives of millions of hungry people throughout the Horn of Africa.

## HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF CRAIG PROSSER

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2011*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Craig Prosser, retiring city manager of Tigard, Oregon. Craig has announced his retirement at the end of July, capping a 35-year career of distinguished service to our community.

Craig began serving Tigard in 1999 as finance director, and since 2005, as city manager. Craig's accomplishments include the formation of the city's first urban renewal district, the Tigard-Lake Oswego Water Partnership, as well as major improvements along Pacific Highway. He also oversaw the opening of the Westside Express Service Commuter line that runs through Tigard. Craig's foresight helped to make Tigard an attractive place to live and do business. Because of his leadership, Tigard was able to retain crucial city services through one of the worst financial crises in our country's history.

Craig has been a consensus builder who has always focused on the needs of the citizens, and he has worked tirelessly to address their concerns. He has approached his work with integrity and a true sense of dedication while empowering staff and those around him. In his retirement announcement Craig said, "I would be willing to put the City of Tigard staff up against any public workforce in the state, if not the nation. The citizens of Tigard are fortunate to have such dedicated elected officials and public employees working on their behalf."

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, this is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better." Craig Prosser truly is an American hero, for he has devoted much of his life to making his community better.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Craig for his outstanding service and for providing a heroic example to us all.

## HONORING UNITED STATES MARINE LANCE CORPORAL CODY JAMES ELLIOTT

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2011*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor 21-year-old United States Marine Lance Corporal Cody James Elliott of Pismo Beach, California. On June 12, 2011, while out on patrol, LCPL Elliott ran to help his Brother in Arms, Josh McDaniels, who had been injured in an IED explosion. While en route to his fallen comrade—without regard for his own safety—LCPL Elliott was severely wounded by another IED explosion. Every day, magnificent men such as Cody shine on the battlefields of honor, bringing their light of heroism and selflessness to the darkness of war—making us all proud to be Americans. In the blast, LCPL Cody lost his left leg, broke his tibia in his right leg, and lost one of his fingers. In just a

few short weeks, he has come a long way in dealing with his wounds and is moving full speed towards recovery. With the help of his family, he continues to recover and show us what it means to bravely serve our country. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RUN TO ME

(By Albert Caswell)

Run . . .  
Run to me . . .  
On battlefields of honor bright . . .  
There are but all of those who so carry the fight!  
All with their most magnificent light! To win that day, to that night!  
Who so shine, all in their most sacrificial light . . .  
Who for all of their Brothers In Arms, are but so ready to die!  
All in the blood that binds them, this most sacrificial tie!  
Which brings such tears to the Angel's eyes!  
As it was on the day in June, when Cody you so ran . . . as your heart so swooned!  
As your Brother Josh lay dying, as you ran to him . . . not asking why then!  
All in your most magnificent shades of green, oh yea you United States Marine!  
As when that bomb went off, as you lie there in all its cost . . .  
All in what you had given, all in what you had lost!  
As the tears rolled down your face, all in what this war had brought!  
As up ahead but lie a new front . . .  
Only twenty-one years old, and barely hanging on . . .  
As it was then there you so saw you had a choice!  
As you told yourself, get up Marine . . . while listening to your most inner voice!  
As from deep down within, but came such a force!  
As now Cody, your new life would so begin . . .  
With that first step, all in that pain and heartache which lie so up ahead . . .  
As somehow, you lifted up your fine head and so said!  
I did not die, I am not dead! As you so chose to feel that wind upon your face . . .  
All for your Fallen Brothers, all in your heart they now so hold such a special place!  
For you've got a life to live, as now you picked up the pace!  
A life to lead, as it's now Cody you've so chosen to move at light speed!  
For you are a United States Marine, all in what your recovery has so seen . . .  
You see, people like you Cody . . . so give to us all what we so need!  
Because, You So Teach Us! And You So Beseech Us!  
As so deep down inside, You So Reach Us!  
With all of your most courageous faith, You So Speak To Us Out On Our Ways!  
For you will run, and you will breathe . . . and oh yea Cody you will so succeed!  
And if I ever, I so have a son . . . I pray that he may be as courageous as you my son . . .  
Whose heart to me so runs! Because, Cody in heaven you need not arms or legs, and that's where you are going one day . . .  
And, you will hear our Lord so say, "Cody, Run To Me!"  
All for what you gave, Run To Me!